

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

February 9, 2009

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Shane Whitaker, Secretary
Richard Canoy, Member
Shaun Hayes, Treasurer

Others Present:

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Wes Hicks, S&W Technician
Randy Blackwood, NRCS DC
Christine Vance, Soil Con Tech.
Mike Morgan, Producer

The meeting was called to order at 7:35a.m. by Frazier. Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

ACTION ITEMS:

The January 12, 2009 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of January 12, 2009.

Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve the payment of the Area 3 SWCD Annual Dues of \$170.00.

Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the donation of \$100 towards the Area 3 Envirothon from the Randolph SWCD.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- A brief EQIP update was given.
- Blackwood reported that the 2009 Cultural Diversity Day for NRCS will be held in Randolph County on August 27, 2009. The theme this year will be "Women in Agriculture." The Board was asked to be represented at this celebration and/or speak.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- Alston reported that the RC&D Council met in Burlington recently.
- Alston reported that Julie Elmore's father passed away last weekend. Parks will send a sympathy card to Julie on behalf of the board.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker presented an application for James Chriscoe for no-till. K. Whitaker asked the board if preference should be given to him because at his site visit by staff for a previous application, he was not informed about no-till practices. Chriscoe had previously applied for a covered feed structure but cancelled his application since this practice is not cost sharable. Mr. Chriscoe was unaware at that time that cost share was offered on no-till procedures. Canoy moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted with 2 for and 2 against to approve his application with no preference. There being a tie, Frazier broke the tie to approve Chriscoe's application with no preference given.
- Mike Morgan was in attendance to dispute the Board request that he repay a portion of his payment for his drystack due to his cost share practice being found out of compliance. The first return receipt letter sent was signed for by someone other than Morgan and he did not receive it. The second letter was received by him return receipt. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted 2 to 1 with

Whitaker abstaining, to give him another chance and not move forward with the out of compliance status as long as he removes the straw from his drystack today. The board will spot check his farm this afternoon to determine if proper procedures have been followed and the straw has been removed.

-S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to make it board policy that any producer receiving an out of compliance letter must sign for the letter themselves.

-Discussion was had regarding multiple out of compliance offenses. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to make it board policy that if a producer is out of compliance for the second time there will be no 30 day grace period and they will be reported to the NC Soil and Water Commission immediately.

-S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, with Alston opposed, the board voted to make it board policy that at the first offense of being out of compliance and the producer does not correct the problem within 30 days, the full percentage of the contract will be sent to the State/Commission to be paid back.

-K. Whitaker presented a contract for Nancy White – composter. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve this contract.

-K. Whitaker presented a contract for Boyd Langley – composter. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve this contract.

-K. Whitaker presented a Request for Payment for Darrell Wright. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve and sign this Request for Payment.

-K. Whitaker reminded the board that spot checks need to be completed.

-K. Whitaker reported that David Cheek wishes to have waterways installed. This practice would fall under the grant we have received from the Foundation and will increase the grant from \$1,870 to \$10,270 to include David Cheek's waterways.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Alston.

K. Whitaker gave the CCAP Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker presented a Request for Payment for Ricky Frazier's abandoned well closure project. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, with Frazier abstaining, the board voted to approve the Request for Payment for Ricky Frazier. Alston signed the RFP.

At this time the meeting was turned back over to Frazier.

-K. Whitaker presented an application from the City of Asheboro for two sites, one for a rain garden and one for a grassed swale. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.

-Discussion was had regarding a rain barrel sale. It was decided to take pre-orders before ordering any and also check on prices from several different vendors.

K. Whitaker gave the EEP Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker reported that EEP will handle the contracting with Charles Williams on his project for fencing, waterways, wells and the District will provide a design and construction oversight.

Area 3 Updates were presented to the Board FYI. The Updates are attached to these minutes for reference.

Parks reported that the staff is now on the Randolph County Server and Intranet. The office will keep one NRCS computer until further notice to have access to the federal server in case they need to access it.

Frazier presented information on the NCASWCD Hall of Fame Nominee information.

A NCASWCD Awards Flyer was presented for information.

Discussion was had regarding changing the board meeting time/day. No action was taken on this item.

Information was presented for the board's review for the FRPP Interim Final Rule.

Discussion was had regarding the April Board Meeting ~ it is regularly scheduled to be held on Easter Monday. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to change the April Board Meeting to Monday, April 6, 2009. Parks will send a notice of this to the area newspapers.

A brief discussion was had on the Association By-Laws.

The following consent items were approved:

- ENOTES – NACD (1/13/09, 1/21/09, 1/27/09)
- Message from DENR Secretary Dee Freeman
- NC VAD Workshop Brochure/Information
- NCASWCD 2009 Program Objectives

The Board was reminded of the following dates:

- Area 3 Envirothon ~ March 25, 2009 at Elon University
- 2009 District Employees Workshop ~ August 17-20, 2009 in Hickory

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be
March 9, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.
2222-A South Fayetteville Street
Asheboro, NC 27205